

Dear Jim,

8/21/75

I believe this ~~LEAK~~ Leisinger letter of 8/19, come today, is a sprung trap.

The official story is that Rankin and Warren called that 1/22 session at 5 p.m. after hearing from the Texans.

But here we have the 1/21 session withheld at the CIA's request, that of Bud's old friend, then its general counsel, Larry Houston, unless I misunderstand.

Now we know and I have copies of proof that the Commission knew about these reports prior, long prior, to 1/22/64.

The "also" makes this letter uncertain. However, I have what the CIA removed from some of the Nosenko stuff and it is mere reference to less than the FBI told the Commission without any classification.

The last time Leisinger told me for the Archives that the CIA would respond was 7/31, page 5, bottom. The permitted time has lapsed with no further mention except this new promise. Not even acknowledgement from CIA, or safe if filed.

I did write Young about this and he has not replied.

His 9(1) is Nosenko. It can't refer to the 1/21 transcript because Nosenko did not defect until later, 2/4/64.

Nor can it really be what the FBI did not tell because I have a 6/64 staff paper saying that most of what the FBI told the WC had been obtained by other means and from other sources. How many guesses? But there is no record of the CIA supplying anything and I've asked if there is anything that is withheld.

I'm inclined to believe that the 12/22/72 date of the Houston letter is significant because this was after the date of the previous automatic review.

When you can go over this on your own and critically. I got an early start so I could work without interruption. After a good beginning it has not been a good day.

I guess that what I'm really saying is that whatever they have done, are doing and have been up to has no sanction under the law and thus we have them. Except for the Pratts.

Best,

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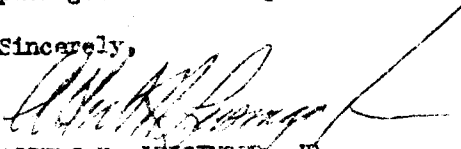
Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of August 2, 1975.

The copies of Warren Commission documents released in 1972-73, except the CIA documents already transmitted to you, are being sent to you separately. You are correct in assuming that the pages 63-73 of a transcript of an executive session of the Commission (item (9) (i) in our letter) are in the transcript of January 21, 1964. A letter of Lawrence R. Houston, General Counsel, CIA, to James B. Rhoads of December 22, 1972, also relates to the withholding of the records concerning Nosenko in item (9) and is denied to you under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (1). You will be informed by the CIA concerning the outcome of the review of this letter.

We have asked our mailing room to be more careful in preparing packages for mailing.

Sincerely,


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for the National Archives